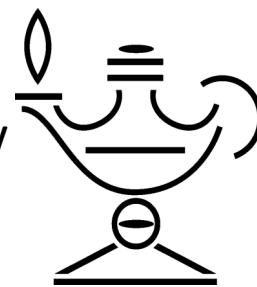


# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

OCTOBER 2020

www.jvsm.org and www.facebook.com/jvsm2016



I've been thinking for the last few days about what to write about this month and have found my mind going in several different directions. So hold on for the ride.

*Thankful*

I am thankful for so many things going on in our churches these days. Even though there are tough times, hard decisions and adjusting to a constantly changing landscape there is much to be thankful for. I am thankful for:

- \*our folks who mow lawns
- \*who help us zoom
- \*who quietly and without fanfare do things around our churches
- \*our musicians, Sunday School teachers, elders, deacons and trustees
- \*Octoberfest Craft Show
- \*blessings boxes
- \*baptisms
- \*our children and youth
- \*visits with our shut-ins
- \*phone call visits
- \*happy problems

What are you Thankful for? Let me know!

## STUDY LEAVE

As I was listing things I am grateful for, I should have listed the fact that I am thankful I serve in a denomination that encourages its Pastors to continue to learn and grow. We are required to take two weeks of study leave each year. Earlier this year, as part of my study leave, I attended the Worship and Music conference at Montreat (virtually) and later this fall I am going to be participating in a series of discussions about planning advent and doing a virtual tour of the Holy Lands. In addition, I am taking a class on adaptive leadership through the Presbytery. I am excited about all I will be able to share with you as I go through these learning experiences.

## WHY?

I heard a sermon this past week that encouraged us in the midst of making decisions, doing ministry, setting schedules and so many other things, to always go back to the WHY. Why am I doing this? Why are we trying to make this decision? Why are we in this situation? Why do we sing hymns, take communion or hold worship? Sometimes, it really helps to go back to the why. Why helps us discern the how and the when. So as you make decisions about the use of your time and talents, as we make decisions as the church – let's ask ourselves why. In the end, every answer in some way is driven by what GOD would lead us to, what God would want us to do. In the end God is the answer to the why!

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” Psalm 19

# HIGHLAND UNITED



### HIGHLAND

11 Church Road  
Newport, PA 17074

#### E-mail:

hupcsecretary@embarqmail.com

Phone #: (717) 567-9577

#### Pastor

Rev. Nancy McClure

#### Clerk of Session

Patricia Shutt

#### Church Secretary

Linda Bitting

#### Church Treasurer

Kathy Smith

#### Financial Secretary

Dennis Tressler

#### ELDERS ON SESSION

Donald Barlup

Cindy McHenry

Nancy Campbell

Janice Zaring

Kathy Smith

Joyce Heintzelman

James Turner

Patricia Shutt

Cecile Willet

#### DEACONS

Darlene Adams

Linda Bitting

Jessica Bryson

Becky Wudtke

Kim Drum

Austin Neidigh

Oct..	4	Amber McClure	
	5	Josalyn Cook	
		Marie Weidenhammer	
	11	James Turner	
		Marjory Miller	
	13	Les Weibley	
		Emma Rose Pascoe	
	18	Colton Cook	
	22	Max Pascoe	
	24	Joyce Heintzelman	
	29	Dotty Wright	
	30	Jett Bryson	
			<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
Oct.	1	Logan and Rachel Frerotte	
	9	Paul and Betty Richard	
	14	Park and Dorothy Crouse	
	21	Michael and Michelle Byers	
	22	Scott and Dotty Wright	

**THE CARING CRAFTERS:** Unable to set up at Highlands Annual Turkey Dinner, due to COVID! Caring Crafters is now hosting their First, hopefully, Annual Octoberfest!! One day only. Rain or Shine event at Highland Church, October 10 from 9am-3pm. Selling not just the Caring Crafters Items, also over 14 Local Artisans are joining us to sell their Homemade Crafts. Quilts, Fleece Blankets, Wreaths, Bowl and Mug Cozies, Paintings on Rocks, Wood, and Canvas. Candles made from Bees Wax, Soup, and Traditional Wax, Metal Works, Wood Furniture and other items. Knitted and Crocheted items, Jewelry, Honey, Soap and Masks. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorating items. Our Highland Kitchen ministry will be selling Soup (Hot or Frozen), Sandwiches, Dessert, and Drinks. Take out or Eat at our socially distanced picnic area.

**This is an event You Will Not Want to Miss!!**

**Tell Your Friends, Tell Your Enemies, Spread the word Far and Wide**

**MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ENCOURAGED**

**TREASURER VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Highland is looking for a volunteer to take over the job as Treasurer. Please see or call Kathy Smith if interested 717-645-1015,



**OUR BLESSINGS BOX TEAM:** Bob McHenry, Cindy McHenry, Bill Neidigh, Melissa Neidigh.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:



<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Totals</u>
09/06/20	\$1,490.00	\$425.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,002.00
09/13/20	\$1,914.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,964.00
09/20/20	\$1,182.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.58	\$1,207.58
09/27/20	<u>\$2,378.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 36.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$2,644.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,964.00</b>	<b>\$655.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.58</b>	<b>\$7,817.58</b>

Per Capita Assessment for 2020 is for 111 members @ \$27.20/member-\$3,019.20. Total given to date for 2020—\$470.12.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS    Presbytery—\$125.00

AUGUST MISSIONS    Campus Crusade for Christ—\$150.00



#### OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

10/3 At Highland and via zoom 8:30am. Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant  
 10/10 At Highland (due to Octoberfest later that day) Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

10/17 no Bible Study

10/24 At Westminster at 8:30am

Breakfast orders: The Little Store

10/31 At Highland at 8:30am

Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

**HIGHLAND NOW HAS ON-LINE GIVING:** Highland United has expanded it's giving options to include an online electronic option. This can be accessed at <https://jvsm.org/about-us/electronic-offering-and-gifts/>. The information about The Presbyterian Foundation is there. Simply click the GIVE NOW button to start. Your gift can be one time, or you can set up regular offering deposits to both the General Fund and the



October 4th Youth Pastor Sunday Bob the Builder and team continue work on blessings box.  
 October 11th Memory Challenge Pre-K-3rd Grade: God the Super Hero 4th Grade and up  
 Caring for our congregation, preparing grab and go coffee hour treats.

**SOUP AND TURKEY PIES FOR SALE:** Highland is selling the following: Soups—Turkey Corn, Turkey Rice and Ham and Bean for \$6.00 each. Also, Turkey Pies for \$6.00 each. Please see Linda Bitting or Kathy Smith if you would to purchase any soup or pies.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

**HIGHLAND’S MISSION COMMITTEE:** Highland’s mission committee has started with a Big Bang. In September Elaine and Janice worked the Milk Giveaway with member from the Perry Valley Grange, Millerstown Methodist, Bible Baptist, and Red Hill Church of God. Highland along with Red Hill Church of God bought the butter to be given away. While the other churches ought jelly, bread, and each family also received a gallon of white milk and 1/2 gallon of chocolate. Also at the end of September, Elaine, Bill and Andy Buffington, Wendy and Rich Brunner, Lori Little, Mike Byers, Janice and Marvin Zaring, Kathy Smith, and Lee Kraft all helped over a long two day period cleaning up an elderly couples yard. Needless to say we weren't expecting the yard to need that much work but with the help of Lee working several days by herself and from Heller’s with their wood chipper we managed to pull it off. Well not all the way. Dan Barlup’s Boy Scout Troop will be finishing up where we left off. God Bless those boys. Anyone who has extra birdhouses or would like to make some, please see Janice Zaring.

Now October starting, the Caring Crafters are having their first hopefully more to come “Octoberfest”. This consists of over 15-17 local craft vendors along with take out or eat at picnic table lunches. Hope you all can come and support these wonderful local craftsmen on October 10 from 9-3 right here at Highland all outside.

Our mission team is not forgetting the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey either. We have a basket in the narthex to collect GLOSSY magazines or papers. So anytime you have those please save for us. They will be collected and all money will go directly to the Hershey House.

Last but not least, we will be doing Christmas cards for vets in nursing homes and decorating and filling stockings for overseas military people. If anyone is interested in helping with either of these projects contact Janice at 717-567-2201.

## PERRY VALLEY

### PERRY VALLEY

301 Old Ferry Road  
Millerstown, PA 17062

**E-mail:**

pcpv@pa.net

**Church Secretary**

Sharon Delancey

**Church Treasurer**

Lori Comp

**Clerk of Session**

Pro Tempe

**Director of Sunday School**

Sharon Delancey

**Financial Secretary**

Peg Bolton

Sally Tengeres

Doris LaForce



**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for October 4 at 2:30 p.m. to take action on the document “Honoring the Past, Assessing the Present and Looking to the Future.” Email or regular mail copies have been sent to active members to re-



### OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

10/3 At Highland and via zoom 8:30am. Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

10/10 At Highland (due to Octoberfest later that day) Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

10/17 NO Bible Study

10/24 At Westminster at 8:30am Breakfast orders: The Little Store

10/31 At Highland at 8:30am Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

### PERRY VALLEY CONTINUED



To all who contributed to our joint mission project with Highland, to support the Perry County Food bank. We collected over 240 pounds of food!

To Tom and Gayle Ulsh who helped us when a window broke in the sanctuary

To Lori Comp who continues to serve as a treasurer and to all who share their time and talents with our church.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Bob Sweger, Dave Foose, Helen Herr Atticks, Bob Miller, Jane Ann Baney, all of our Church family, our community and country.

**ELDERS ON SESSION**

- Linda Fleisher
- Russ LaForce
- Doris LaForce
- Sharon Delancey

**DEACONS**

- Linda Sanderson
- Nancy Sweger
- Sally Tengeres

### WESTMINSTER UNITED

**Oct. Birthdays:** 2 Kathy Brown 4 Amber McClure 8 John Shirk 12 Jane Shirk 13 Fred Marshall 30 Polly Digon 31 Rachel Dowling

**Oct. Anniversaries:** 3 Dave and BJ Doray 20 Dan and Kathy Brown 23 Bob and Eddi Kay Gill, Jerry and Destiny Trout 29 Jeff and Rachel Dowling

**WESTMINSTER**  
3rd and Lemon Streets  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

**E-mail:**  
westminsterupc@gmail.com

**Clerk of Session**

Gabe Book

**Church Secretary**

Judy Armstrong

**Church Treasurer**

**Sunday School**

**Superintendent**

John Shirk

**Sunday School Treasurer**

Diane Marshall

**ELDERS ON SESSION**

- Aaron Geedey
- Shelly Horning
- Deb Heisey
- Rich Swab
- Jan Manbeck
- Gabe Book
- Kathy Brown



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Anyone needing meals for shut-ins, please call one of the Deacons.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT WESTMINSTER HAS A SECRET ANGEL?** Our angel has been busy building shelves in the office, in one of the closets in our fellowship hall, pulling weeds and cleaning our outdoor bannisters. He does not want me to share his name, but let's thank God for him!!!



**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** has resumed for all ages each Sunday morning. Shelly Horning and Chris Fisher are ready and waiting for the children and youth of our church each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

### WESTMINSTER CONTINUED



**HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS** - (These are the foods that are hard for us to get): Turkeys, Turkey Breasts, Hams (3-5 lbs.), canned Sweet Potatoes, and Fruit Cocktail. A donation of \$20.00 will purchase one complete meal!



**OCTOBER SCHEDULE:**

- 10/3 At Highland and via zoom 8:30am. Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant
- 10/10 At Highland (due to Octoberfest later that day) Breakfast Orders:  
Newport Family Restaurant
- 10/17 NO Bible Study
- 10/24 At Westminster at 8:30am Breakfast orders: The Little Store
- 10/31 At Highland at 8:30am Breakfast Orders:  
Newport Family Restaurant



Have you noticed the blessings box outside the church? It has been placed their with small items that the people in our neighborhood may be in need of during these hard times. So far we're finding snack items the most popular. If you wish to donate item – there is a box in the fellowship hall you can place items in.

### JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone and the community for helping prepare the corn and applesauce for the Annual Turkey Dinner.

The Kitchen Ministry

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER:** The Annual Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th. The orders will all be take outs. Pre-orders will be accepted.

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

**HIGHLAND'S KITCHEN MINISTRY'S TAKE OUT MEAL** hasn't even happened yet and it is already a big success! We have orders for over 200 meals for October 9th. If you are available to help in the kitchen or bake a cake or cookies, please contact Kathy Smith.

Thank you to the Caring Crafters and other JVSM folks that went above and beyond to get orders for the October 9th meal. What a great response. Many thanks!

The Kitchen Ministry

**OCTOBERFEST AT HIGHLAND:** Octoberfest will be held on October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Highland. There will be over 15 local crafters selling the following: **Wreaths, Quilts, Jewelry, Crochet Items, Paintings on Wood, Rocks and Canvas, Honey, Bird Feeders, Woodcrafters, Metal Works, Knitted Items, Canvas Totes, Bowl Cozies, Candles of Bees Wax, Soy, and Traditional.** Eat at our Socially Distanced picnic area or take it with you. **Highland's Kitchen Ministry will be providing Soups, Sandwiches, Drinks and Desserts.**

### **Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:**

Colton Cook, Angie Barlup, Peg Tressler, Sherry Rolston, Les Weibley, Robert Rolston, Jason Barlup, Martha Beatty (at William Penn, Lewistown), Fred Marshall (at Locust Grove), Bob Sweger, David Foose, Robbie Lauver, Jan Landis, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Eleanor Stallman, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Fran Wentz and Tana Wentz (Mother and Aunt of Cindy McHenry), Jane Ann Baney, Glenda Dillman, Cathy Frankenbach (Pastor Nancy's sister), Mark Campbell, Teedie Frankenbach (Pastor Nancy's mother) and Bob Miller.



### OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

10/3 At Highland and via zoom 8:30am. Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant  
 10/10 At Highland (due to Octoberfest later that day) Breakfast Orders:  
 Newport Family Restaurant  
 10/17 NO Bible Study  
 10/24 At Westminster at 8:30am Breakfast orders: The Little Store  
 10/31 At Highland at 8:30am Breakfast Orders: Newport Family Restaurant

## JVSM OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Bible Study—H 8:30 a.m.
4 H Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship for HUP- C/PV at 9:30 a.m. 11:00 at W Congregation Mtg. at PV at 2:30 p.m.	5 Deacons— H 6:30	6 Deacons—W 6:00	7 Session — H 6:30 Zoom	8	9 HUPC Take out meal	10 Bible Study - H 8:30 a.m.  Octoberfest 9-3
11 H Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. H and Zoom 8:45 a.m. PV 11:00 a.m. W	12	13	14 Worship Meet- ing—H Zoom 6:00	15	16	17 <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>
18 H Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. H and Zoom 8:45 a.m. PV 11:00 a.m. W	19	20	21	242	23	24 Bible Study— W 8:30 a.m.
25 H Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. H and Zoom 8:45 .m. PV 11:00 a.m. W	26	27	28	29	30	31 Bible Study - H 8:30 a.m.



**Highland United Presbyterian Church**  
11 Church Road  
Newport, PA 17074